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## THE HEDGEHOG

### THE STORY SO FAR...



**SONIC  
THE HEDGEHOG**  
WORLD HERO



**NICOLE  
THE HOLO-LYNX**  
LIVING A.I.



**CHIP/LIGHT GAIA**  
WORLD RESTORING SPIRIT



**DR. EGGMAN  
WITH TAILS DOLL**  
MAD GENIUS AND  
CREEPY MINION

### PANIC PLOT

Sonic and the Freedom Fighters have traveled the globe via their flying fortress, the Sky Patrol, gathering up the Chaos Emeralds and Gaia Keys needed to end the Shattered World Crisis. They're just days away from a worldwide effort to finally save the planet!



What they don't know is that Dr. Eggman has had the spy bot

Tails Doll aboard the Sky Patrol for some time. Tails Doll has learned all about the Freedom Fighters' plan to save the world and passed it along to the mad genius.



**And Dr. Eggman  
has launched a plan  
of his own...**



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THE SKY  
PATROL...

HIGH ABOVE THE  
SHATTERED WORLD...

TAILS  
FLYER

CHIP  
ANCIENT  
SPIRIT

JUST DAYS AWAY  
FROM FIXING THE  
WORLD...

A  
LITTLE  
HIGHER,  
GUYS!

BUNNIE  
CYBORG

ROTOR  
MECHANIC

SONIC  
READY TO  
PARTY

ANTOINE  
SWORDSMAN

SALLY  
PRINCESS

DON'T YOU  
THINK THIS  
IS A LITTLE  
PREMATURE  
?

# PANIC IN THE SKY

PART ONE: THE BEST LAID PLANS

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NAH! DON'T WORRY, WE'LL WAIT FOR CREAM, BIG AND EVERYONE ELSE TO GET BACK BEFORE WE PARTY!

SAL--WE'VE GOT THIS! THE CHAOS EMERALDS AND GAIA KEYS ARE LOCKED IN YOUR DAD'S VAULT, EGGMAN'S GOT NO CLUE ABOUT THE GAIA GATE...

AND YOU'VE GOT ME!

SEE? WE'VE GOT THIS IN THE BAG.

I MEAN, CELEBRATING AT ALL BEFORE WE'VE COMPLETED THE MISSION TO FIX THE WORLD.\*

I...GUESS. IT'S JUST THAT WE'VE STILL GOT TO COORDINATE WITH EVERYONE, AND THERE'S AMY AND KNUCKLES'S MISSION TO THINK ABOUT, AND...\*

\*STH#283.

\*\*SEE SONIC UNIVERSE--"SHATTERED"--RIGHT NOW!

...NICOLE SAID SHE DETECTED SOME KIND OF ANOMALY EARLIER. NICOLE? ANY UPDATE?  
MY APOLOGIES. IT'S PROVING ELUSIVE.  
IS IT SERIOUS?

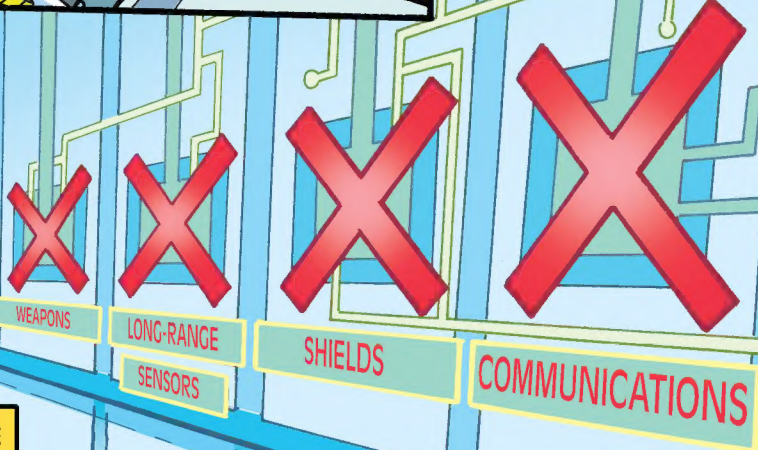
INSIDE SKY PATROL'S SYSTEMS...

I'LL LET YOU KNOW.

WHAT IN THE ...?

WHY ARE ALL THESE SYSTEMS DOWN? WHY DIDN'T I DETECT THIS SOONER--?

NICOLE LIVING A.I.



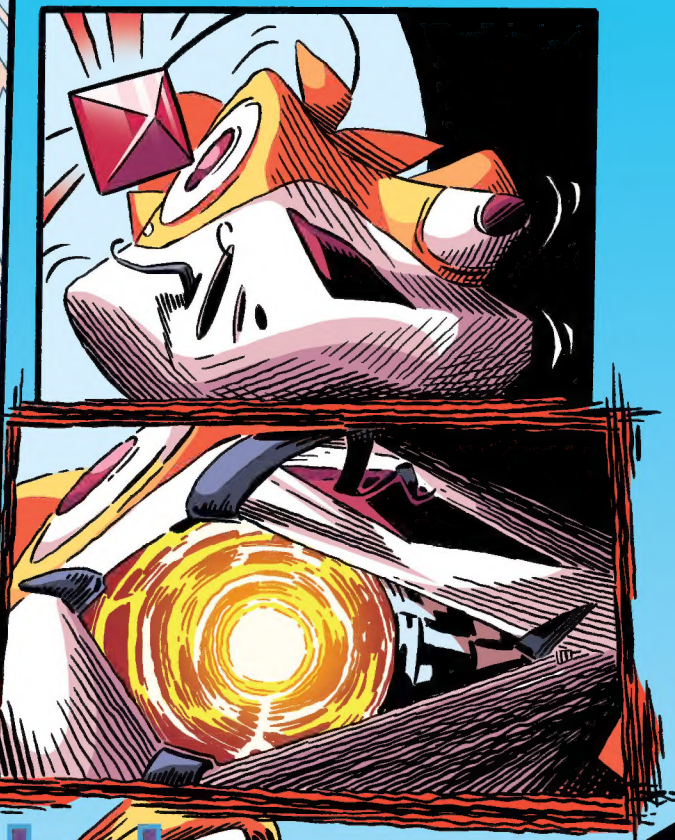




...OH,  
NO...

IS...IS  
THAT A  
DATA LINK  
TO THE--?!  
WHAT ARE  
YOU--

**TAILS DOLL**  
PLUSH INFILTRATOR  
(DIGITAL FORM)



HELLO AGAIN,  
NICOLE. IT IS  
TIME FOR YOU  
TO EXPIRE.

**PHAGE**  
MALEVOLENT A.I.

END.

DIE.



**BWOOOOOOO**

IT'S  
TAILS DOLL!  
IT--  
SHRZK!<=



NICOLE?!

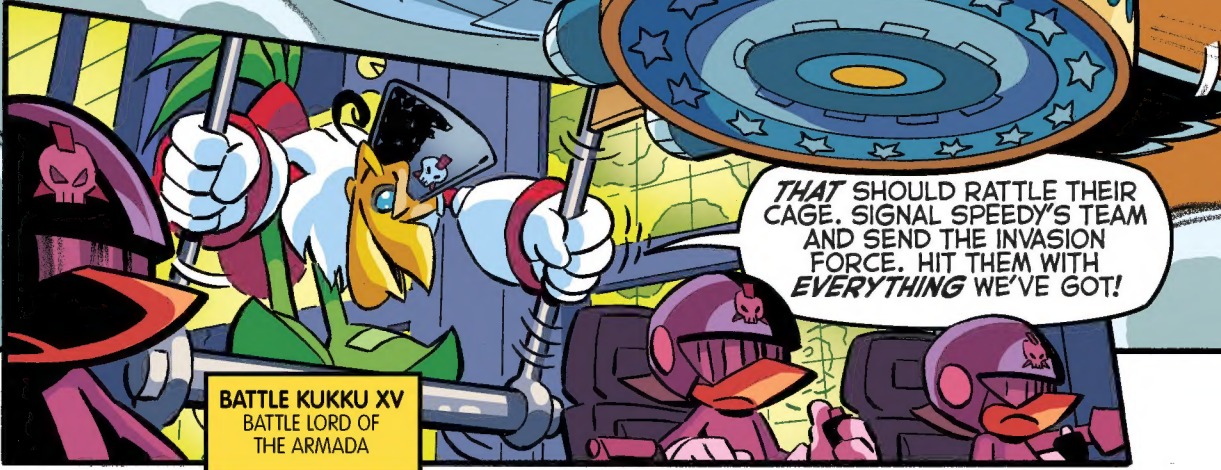
**WHOOP!**

**THE BATTLE  
FORTRESS**  
FLAGSHIP OF THE  
BATTLE BIRD  
ARMADA



**BOOM!**

**BOOM!**



THAT SHOULD RATTLE THEIR  
CAGE. SIGNAL SPEEDY'S TEAM  
AND SEND THE INVASION  
FORCE. HIT THEM WITH  
EVERYTHING WE'VE GOT!

**BATTLE KUKKU XV**  
BATTLE LORD OF  
THE ARMADA



TAILS DOLL MUST'VE MASKED THE ENEMY'S APPROACH!

CUTE. I'LL HANDLE IT--*REAL* QUICK!

SONIC--*WAIT!*

YOU'RE GOING TO NEED BACKUP. TAKE BUNNIE AND ANTOINE TOP-SIDE AND DEAL WITH THE ATTACKERS.

*NOW* CAN I HANDLE IT *REAL* QUICK?

AT SONIC SPEED, PLEASE!

*WHOO-HA!* YOU'VE GOT IT!

IT'S CLEAR EGG-MAN'S SET THIS UP *WELL* IN ADVANCE. WE'VE GOT TO BE CAREFUL AND HANDLE THIS WITH PRECISION.

TAILS! ROTOR! GIVE NICOLE SUPPORT AND GET OUR SYSTEMS BACK ONLINE!

WHAT ABOUT ME, PRINCESS? WHERE DO YOU WANT ME?

YOU COME WITH ME, CHIP. THIS MAY BE THE MOST COORDINATED ATTACK WE'VE *EVER* FACED.

YES, MA'AM!

TAILS DOLL MUST'VE LEAKED OUR PLANS, WHICH MEANS HE'LL BE AFTER *YOU*...

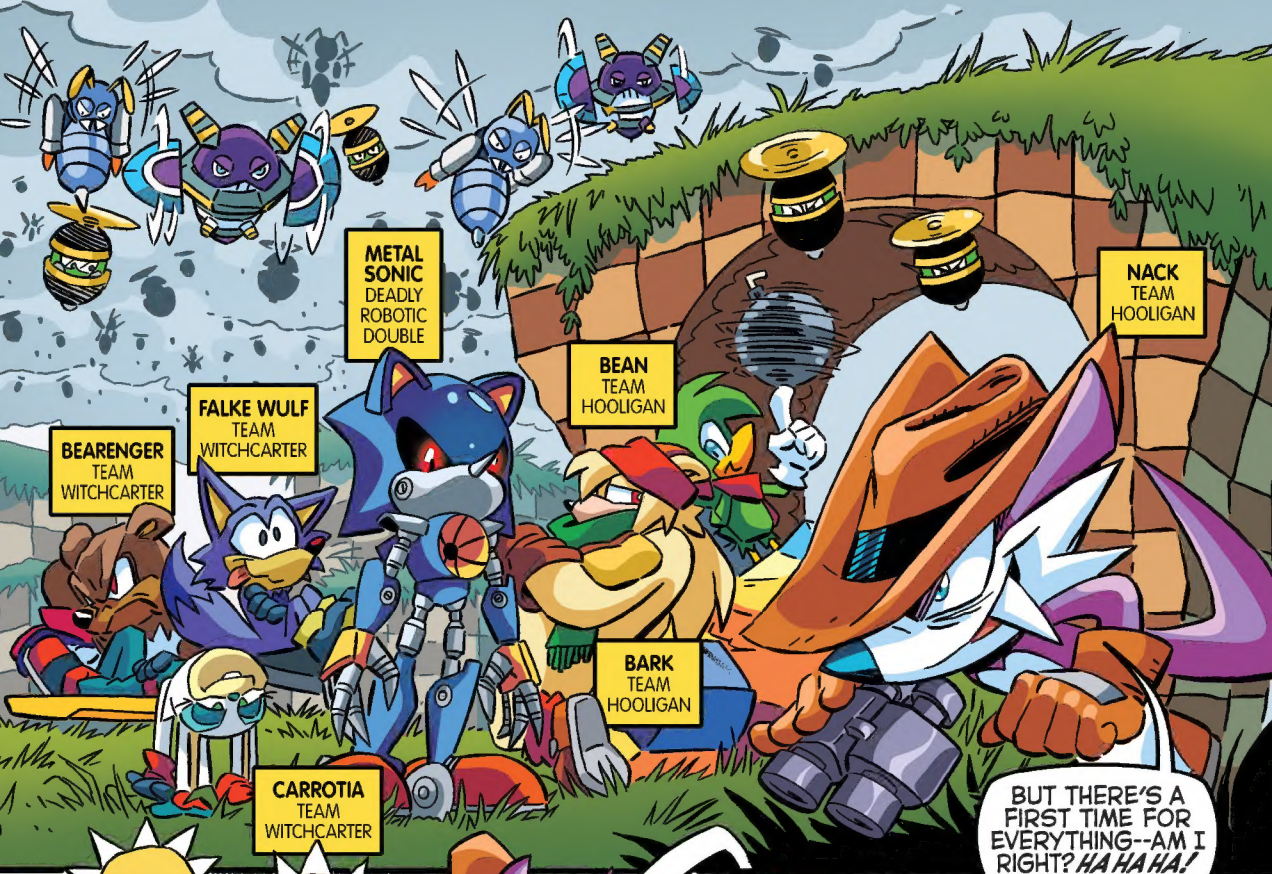
*"...THE CHAOS EMERALDS AND THE GAIA KEYS!"*

ROYAL HILLS ZONE, WESTSIDE ISLAND...

Y'KNOW, I'VE NEVER PULLED A JOB IN ROBOTROPOLIS.

FOR A NATION'S CAPITAL, IT ALWAYS SEEMED SO... QUANT. SOMETHING TOO PRETTY TO MESS WITH.





METAL SONIC  
DEADLY  
ROBOTIC  
DOUBLE

NACK  
TEAM  
HOOLIGAN

BEAN  
TEAM  
HOOLIGAN

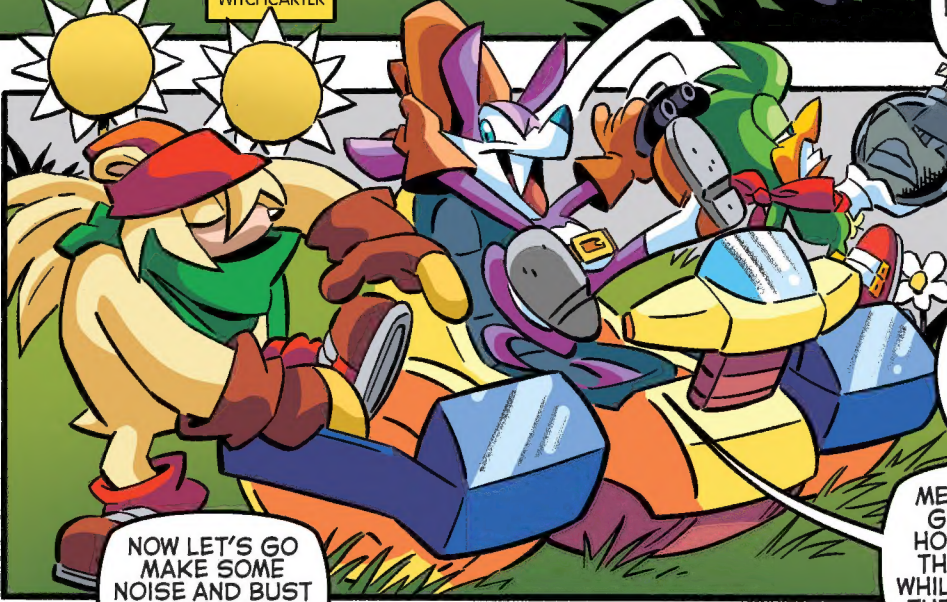
FALKE WULF  
TEAM  
WITCHCARTER

BEARENGER  
TEAM  
WITCHCARTER

BARK  
TEAM  
HOOLIGAN

CARROTTIA  
TEAM  
WITCHCARTER

BUT THERE'S A  
FIRST TIME FOR  
EVERYTHING--AM I  
RIGHT? HA HA HA!



NOBODY'S  
RAISED THE  
ALARM, SO IT  
LOOKS LIKE THE  
DOC'S PLAN IS  
WORKING--FOR  
ONCE!

WITCHCARTERS!  
YOU'RE COVERING  
MY TEAM AS  
WE GET INSIDE  
THE CASTLE!

NOW LET'S GO  
MAKE SOME  
NOISE AND BUST  
OPEN THAT  
ROYAL VAULT!

METAL SONIC! YOU  
GET THE BADNIK  
HORDE TO HANDLE  
THE CITY GUARDS  
WHILE YOU DEAL WITH  
THEIR BIG GUN--YOU  
KNOW THE GUY.



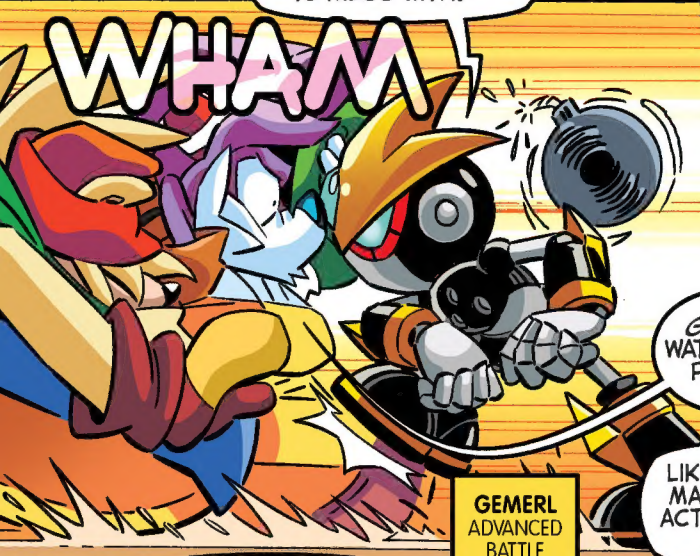


CAREFUL, BARK!  
WE DON'T WANT TO  
GET CAUGHT BY  
THE ROYAL JOBBER  
SQUAD! HA HA HA!



YOU CLOWNS PICKED  
THE WRONG CITY  
TO MESS WITH!

WHAM



GEMERL  
ADVANCED  
BATTLE  
ANDROID

GRNK!  
WATCH THE  
PAINT!

LIKE CLOCKWORK!  
MAYBE EGGMAN'S  
ACTUALLY A GENIUS  
AFTER ALL!

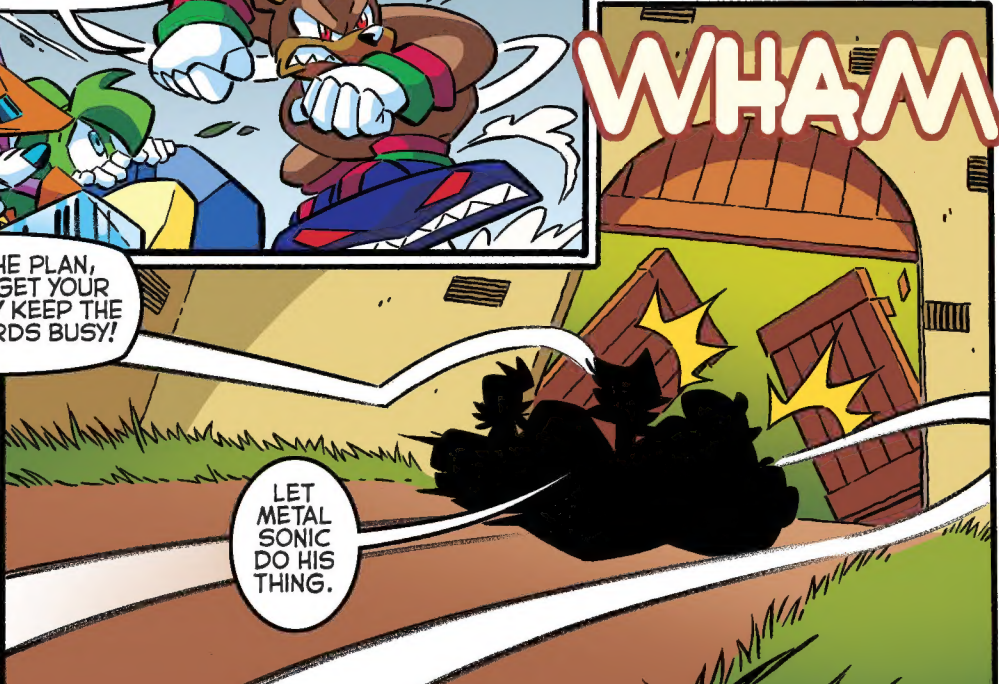


GRRR... I WANT A SHOT  
AT THE TIN MAN! THESE  
ROYAL MOOKS ARE  
NOTHIN'!



STICK TO THE PLAN,  
AND YOU'LL GET YOUR  
CHANCE! YOU KEEP THE  
PALACE GUARDS BUSY!

WHAM



LET  
METAL  
SONIC  
DO HIS  
THING.



OH, HEY! IT'S YOU!  
THE ORIGINAL ABILITY-  
STEALER WITH THE  
IDENTITY CRISIS!

**CLONK**

**BOOM!**

**BOOM!**

THIS IS  
GONNA  
LEAVE A  
MARK...





HUH?  
NOPE, I'VE NEVER  
BEEN IN HERE. BUT I'VE  
GOT THE INNATE TRACKING  
OF ANY TREASURE  
HUNTER!

"I'LL FIND THOSE  
CHAOS EMERALDS  
--NO PROBLEM!"

HA-HA-WHAT?!  
I DIDN'T EXPECT  
*THIS!* STEP ASIDE,  
OLD MAN. WE'VE GOT  
WORK TO DO.

AS DO I.

MY BRAVE  
SOLDIERS ARE  
DEFENDING MY CITY. MY  
TRUMP CARD HAS BEEN  
TRUMPED. SO THE DUTY  
NOW FALLS TO ME.

NOW--STEP  
FORWARD IF YOU  
DESIRE A *ROYAL*  
BEATING.

WOOOO!

KING NIGEL ACORN  
RULER OF THE  
ACORN ARCHIPELAGO

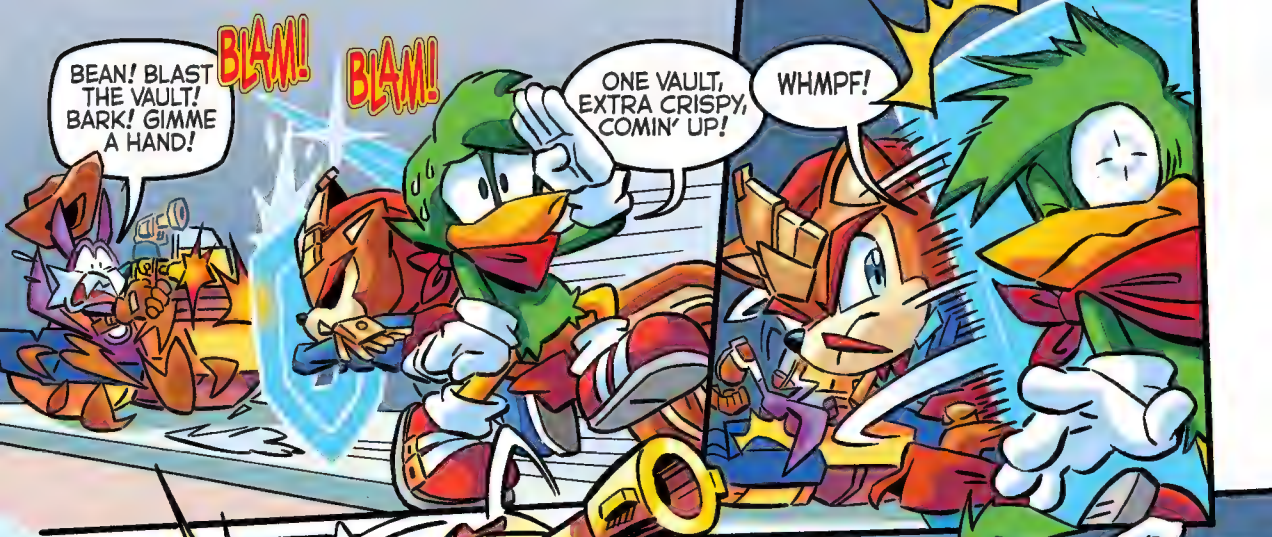


BEAN! BLAST THE VAULT! BARK! GIMME A HAND!

**BAM!** **BAM!**

ONE VAULT, EXTRA CRISPY, COMIN' UP!

WHMPF!



**CHING!**

OW!



**SOK!**

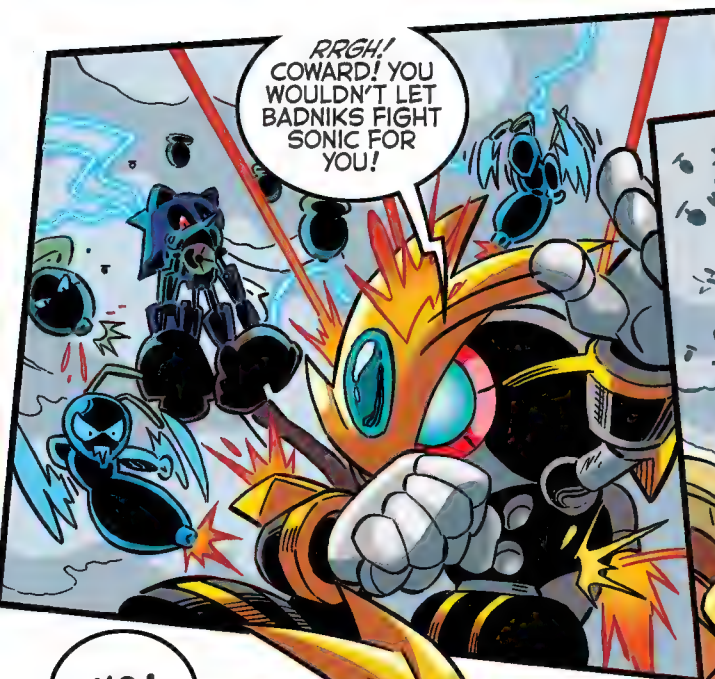


≡WHEW!≡THANKS. HURRY IT UP WITH THE VAULT, BEAN!

RIIIIGHT... CRISPY VAULT...







RRGH!  
COWARD! YOU  
WOULDN'T LET  
BADNIKS FIGHT  
SONIC FOR  
YOU!



WE GOT  
THE GOODS! NOW  
DELIVER THEM  
TO EGGMAN--  
PRONTO!



NO!



MOVE IT! THE  
SIX OF US AND THE  
BADNIK HORDE WILL  
SLOW HIM DOWN!

NO!



MEANWHILE,  
ABOARD THE  
SKY PATROL...

HEY, TAILS! ROTE! IF  
YOU'VE GOT THE COMMS  
UP AND RUNNING AGAIN,  
WE COULD *REALLY* USE  
SOME WEAPON SUPPORT  
UP HERE!

I  
AM NOT  
THINKING  
ZEY CAN  
HEAR  
US!

AH HATE TO  
ADMIT BEIN'  
OVERWHELMED,  
BUT...

HRRGH!  
GUYS! THE  
ARM!

SHING!

OKAY--FACT CHECK. WE  
HAVEN'T TANGLED WITH THE BATTLE  
BIRD ARMADA A LOT...

...BUT IT'S KINDA *BLATANT*  
THAT SPEEDY ISN'T THE ONE  
LEADING THE ATTACK.

HEY... YEAH!  
THERE'S NO WAY A  
BRAT LIKE HIM  
WOULD PASS THIS  
UP!

SO IF  
HE ISN'T  
HERE...



...WHERE IS HE?!

SPEEDY  
BATTLE  
KUKKU XVI

THIS WAY?

YES, SIR. INTEL FROM TAILS DOLL SAYS TO EXPECT RESISTANCE.

OH! THE PRINCESS HERSELF. I APPRECIATE FELLOW NOBILITY WHO'LL GET THEIR HANDS DIRTY.

CHIP IS LOCKED OUT OF REACH. I'VE DISABLED THE CONTROLS, SO TAILS DOLL CAN'T OPEN THE DOOR. WE'LL REGAIN CONTROL OF OUR SYSTEMS AT ANY MOMENT.

LEAVE-- WHILE YOU STILL HAVE A CHANCE.

SHHK  
KSHH

SKYEU SKYEU

NO!

KZZZZT

SLAM



WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?! THEY'RE TRYING TO HELP ME **SAVE THE WORLD!**

**CHIP!** STAY INSIDE THE CELL!

THANKS FOR BEING "COOPERATIVE," O BRAVE SPIRIT. THIS IS SPEEDY. TARGET ACQUIRED. RETURNING TO ROOST.

KEEP THE PRINCESS COMPANY. YOU WILL BE REMEMBERED AND HONORED.

FOR THE ARMADA!

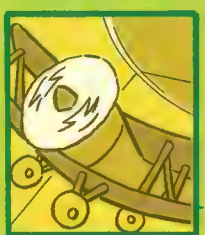
**STOP!**

LET ME GO! SONIC! SALLY! SOMEBODY! HELP!

SKY PATROL-- ENGINE ROOM-- MANY ROOMS AWAY...

THE ENGINE IS FINE! THE WIRING IS FINE! SO IT'S ALL GOTTA BE TAILS DOLL'S INTERFERENCE! **SO WHERE IS IT?!**

I'VE GOT EVERY RC, OMOCHAO AND T-PUP HUNTING IT DOWN, BUT THE SKY PATROL IS A **BIG PLACE!**





**KR-CHUNK!**

GOOD WORK, T-PUP!  
THAT SHOULD FREE  
UP NICOLE!

I'VE SAID IT BEFORE,  
BUT I'LL SAY IT AGAIN.  
SONIC GETS METAL  
SONIC. I GET *THAT?*

GRRRR! SHURP-  
SHURP-

NICOLE!  
WHAT'S  
HAPPENING?

HELLO?! SHRK!  
I REQUIRE IMMEDIATE  
ASSISTANCE!

I NEED THE  
POWER OF THE RED  
STAR RING!

TAILS DOLL LET PHAGE  
INTO THE SKY PATROL'S  
SYSTEMS! I'M NOT STRONG  
ENOUGH TO STOP HER!

OF COURSE NOT.  
WITHOUT THAT *CURIOUS*  
POWER YOU WIELDED  
BEFORE, YOU ARE  
INSUFFICIENT.

AND WE NEED PHAGE  
OUT SO YOU CAN GET  
US BACK ONLINE! RED  
STAR RING--COMING UP!

INCAPABLE.

LACKING.



# BAM!

OVERCLOCKED NICOLE  
BLAST  
PROCESSING!



AH, THERE IT IS.  
JUST LIKE LAST  
TIME.\*

I OVERPOWERED  
YOU THEN, AND I  
WILL DO SO NOW!

AH-AH-AH!  
ONLY IF YOU  
CAN CATCH ME!

I DON'T  
HAVE TIME  
FOR THIS!

NO, YOU REALLY  
DO NOT.

\*X.SU#71-74 "SPARK  
OF LIFE."



ATTENTION,  
EVERYONE! I'VE  
GOTTEN SOME  
SYSTEMS BACK  
ONLINE SO YOU  
CAN COORDINATE.  
PHAGE IS CURRENTLY  
BLOCKING ME  
FROM STARTING  
THE OTHERS.

I WILL--NRGH!--  
TRY TO PURGE HER  
FROM THE SYSTEM  
QUICKLY.

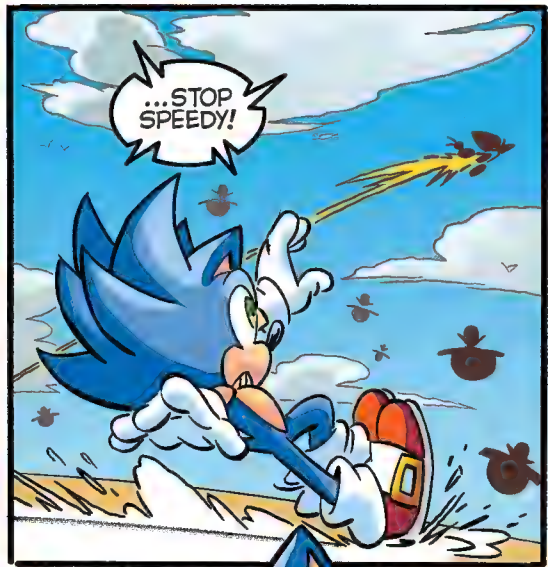


OH,  
YES. KEEP  
TRYING.

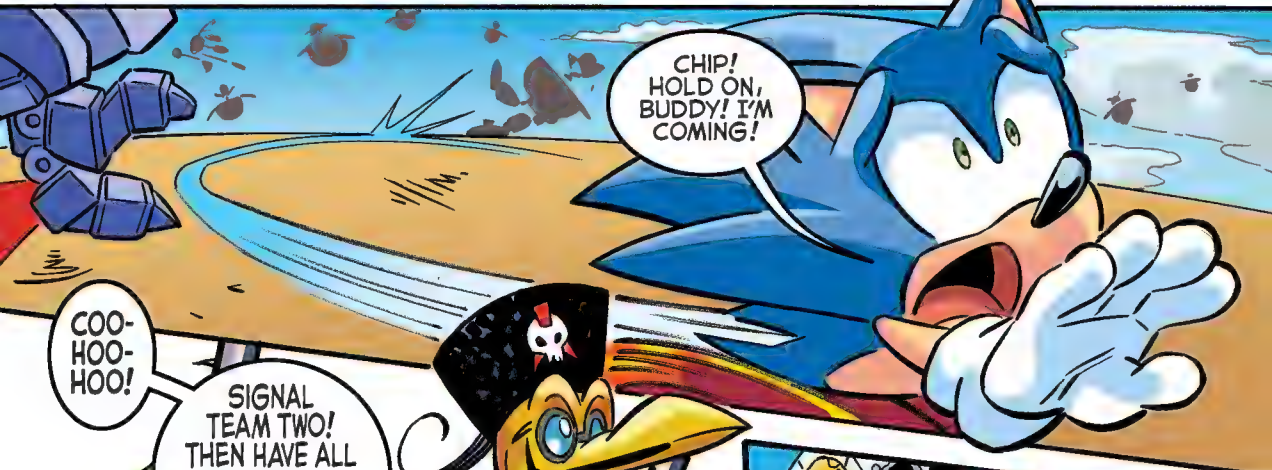




≧HUFF!≧SPEEDY...  
TOOK CHIP! ROTOR,  
TAILS, ONE OF YOU  
GET TOP-SIDE AND  
HELP WITH THE  
DEFENSES! SONIC,  
BUNNIE, ANTOINE...



... STOP  
SPEEDY!



CHIP!  
HOLD ON,  
BUDDY! I'M  
COMING!

COO-  
HOO-  
HOO!

SIGNAL  
TEAM TWO!  
THEN HAVE ALL  
REMAINING  
FORCES RETURN  
TO ROOST!

WHAT ABOUT  
LORD SPEEDY'S  
ESCORT?

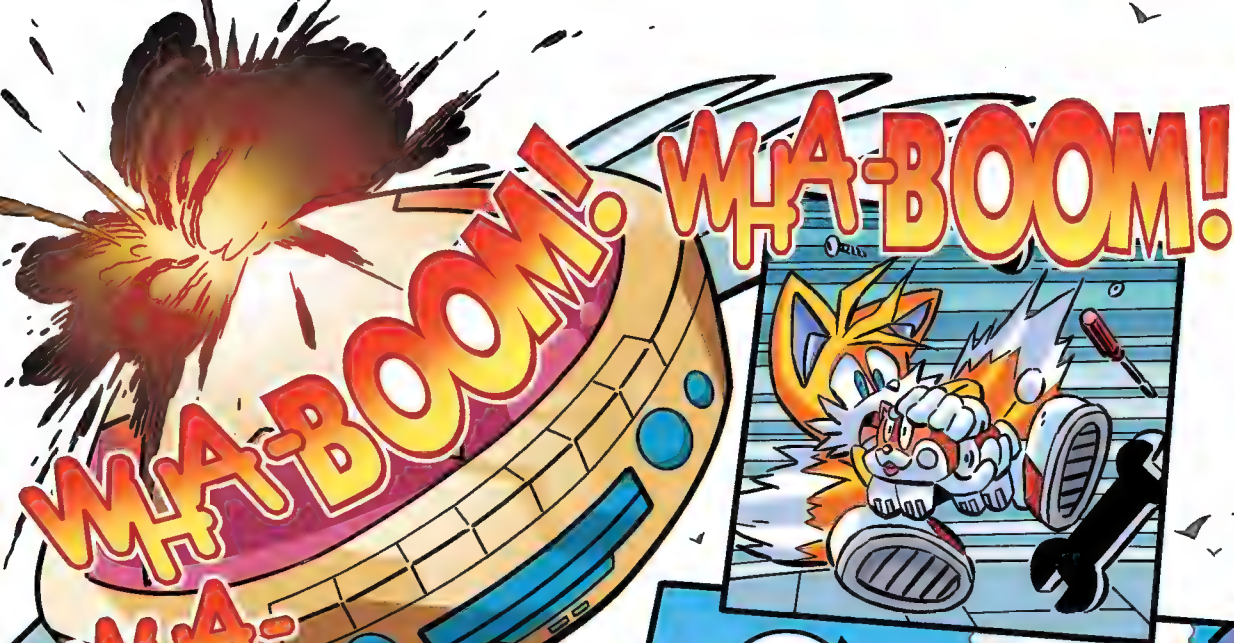
THEY'VE GIVEN  
THEMSELVES TO  
THE CAUSE. THERE  
IS NO HIGHER  
HONOR!

TEAM TWO,  
DETONATE  
CHARGES.



COPY THAT.  
DETONATING  
CHARGES.

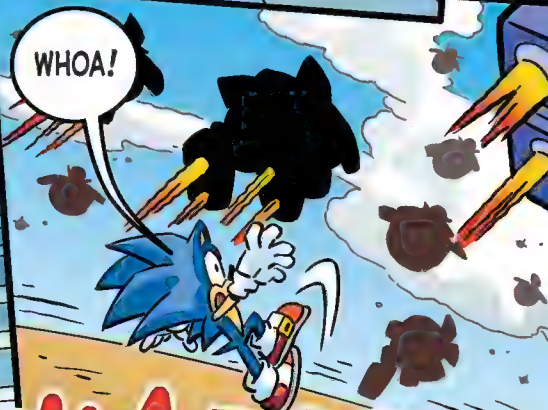
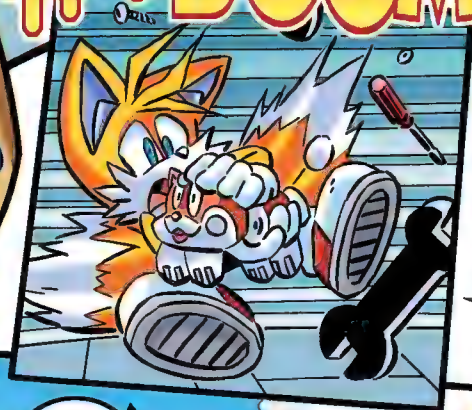




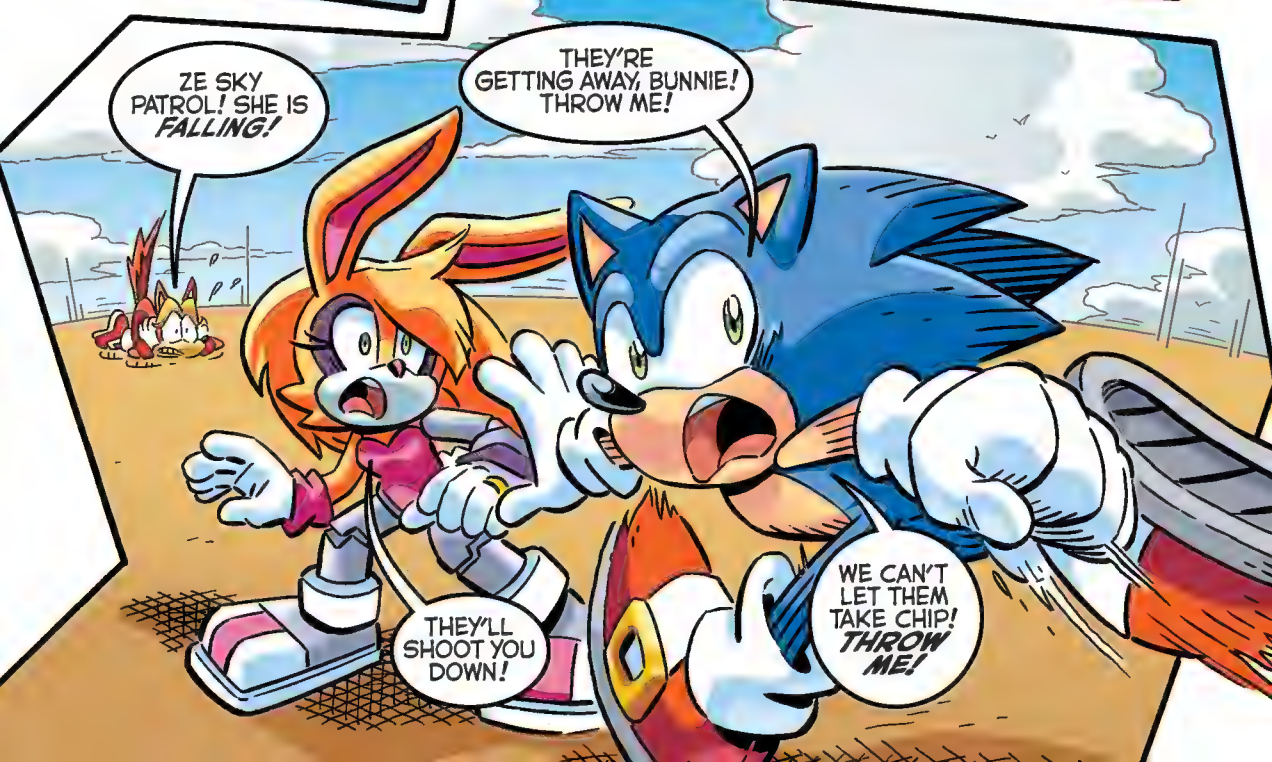
WHA-BOOM!

WHA-BOOM!

WHA-BOOM!



WHA-BOOM!



ZE SKY PATROL! SHE IS FALLING!

THEY'RE GETTING AWAY, BUNNIE! THROW ME!

THEY'LL SHOOT YOU DOWN!

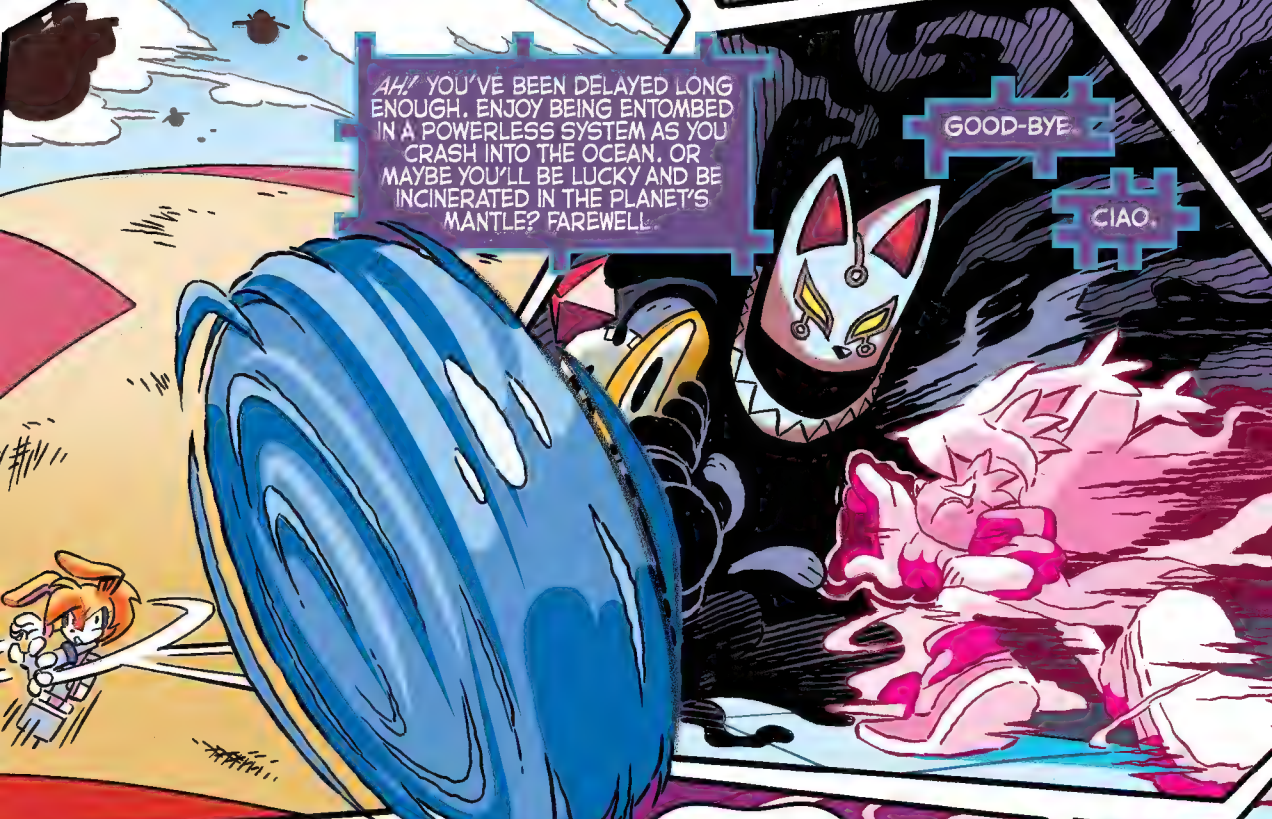
WE CAN'T LET THEM TAKE CHIP! THROW ME!



AH! YOU'VE BEEN DELAYED LONG ENOUGH. ENJOY BEING ENTOMBED IN A POWERLESS SYSTEM AS YOU CRASH INTO THE OCEAN. OR MAYBE YOU'LL BE LUCKY AND BE INCINERATED IN THE PLANET'S MANTLE? FAREWELL.

GOOD-BYE.

CLAO.



E-EVERYONE  
...PHAGE W-WAS  
STALLING...

T-TAILS...TAKE  
OFF THE R-RING...  
S-SOMETHING'S  
W-WRONG...

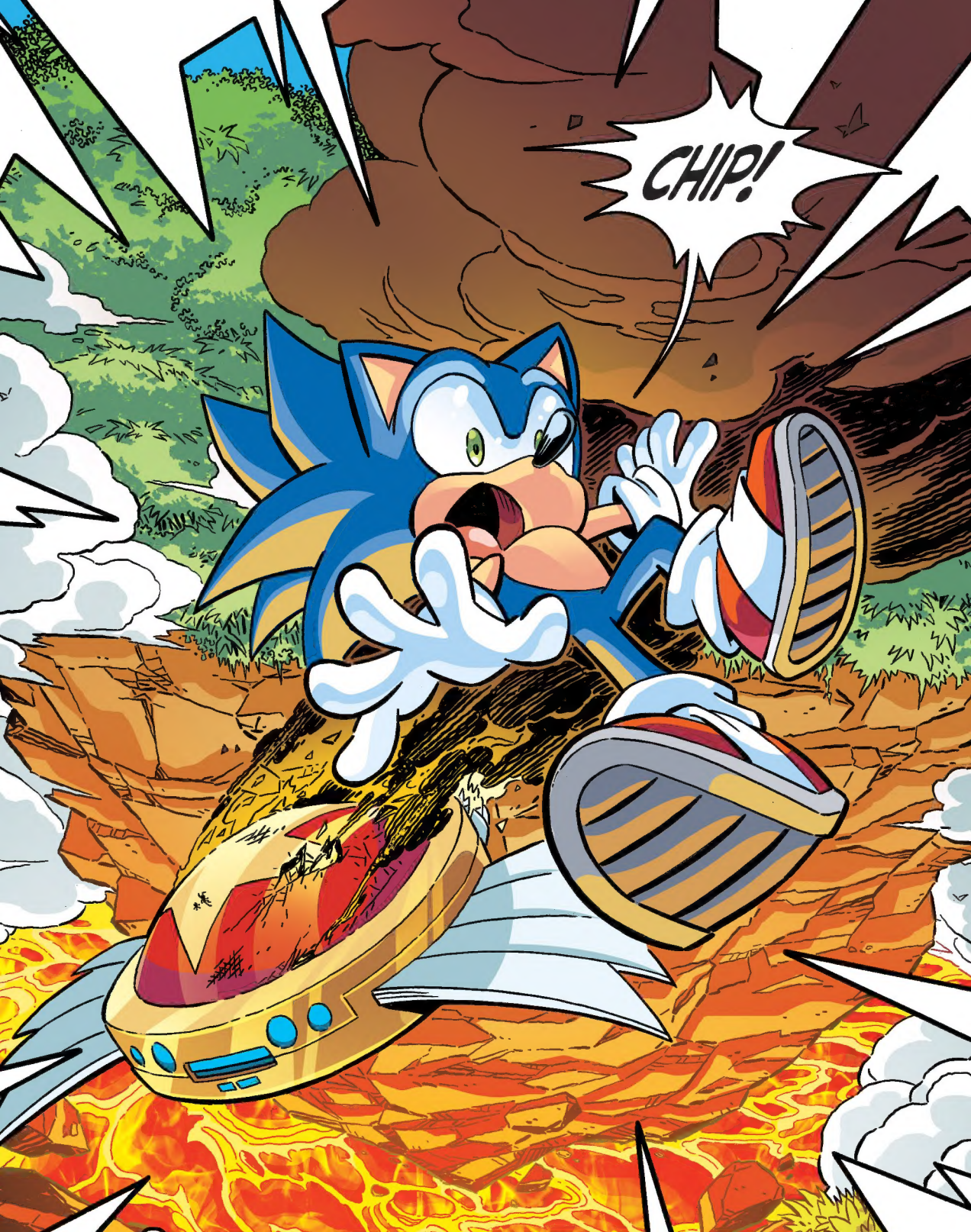


FZZZKT!

NICOLE  
...OW!







**CHIP!**

**CHIP--KIDNAPPED!** THE CHAOS EMERALDS AND GAIA KEYS--STOLEN!  
OUR HEROES--FALLING TO A FIERY DOOM! HAS EGGMAN FINALLY WON?  
UNTIL NEXT TIME, JOIN AMY AND KNUCKLES'S RACE AGAINST TIME IN  
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# Letter from the EDITOR

Editorial commentary that's worth pushing the "PANIC" button over!

It's all come down to this...

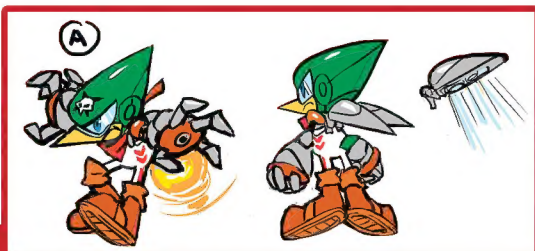
Hey there, Sonic comic readers! Things sure aren't looking too hot for our heroes right now... well... except for maybe the lava boiling beneath them...

With the combined efforts of the Battle Bird Armada, Team Hooligan, the Witchcarters and Dr. Eggman's mechs, the odds aren't exactly in the Blue Blur's favor. Can Sonic and the Freedom Fighters pull together to save Chip, the world AND themselves? Find out NEXT TIME!

'Til then, enjoy some super-sweet concept art by artist Diana Skelly! Later gators!

 2016

- Vincent "Vin" Lovallo  
Editor



ABOVE: Speedy is one bird you don't wanna mess with, especially when he sports his exoskeleton armor!

RIGHT: King Acorn also has a few tricks up his sleeve! His energy sword and shield are unleashed to help him protect the kingdom!



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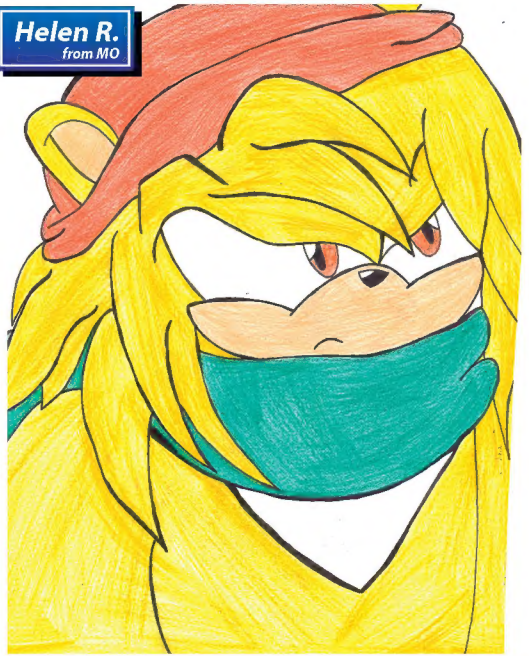


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## SEATBELTS, EVERYONE!



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